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# Heavy Load Letter From a Student



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you would be a good person to talk to because I have a lot of stuff going on and I don't know what to do!

I am pretty bummed and scared. My life is hard for me to handle, and I cry a lot over little things. I feel out of control.

I am traveling down a road that doesn't lead me anywhere, and I feel I have no one who cares for me. School is hard for me. I am not very good at it, and it bores me sometimes (not your class, of course).

At home, it's not much better. My dad drinks a lot and yells at me. It is hard not to listen because he shouts pretty loud. He is constantly telling me all the things that I am doing wrong. Even though he is not telling the truth, I am starting to believe him when he tells me that I am nothing and stupid. My mom does nothing. I think she feels trapped too.

I thought that if I didn't eat and lost a lot of weight, maybe my dad would think I was worth-while and pretty. Maybe he would notice me. Well, I got pretty sick and my friends worried about me because I would go for days without eating anything. I even scared myself when I passed out in school.

What scares me the most are the choices that I have made about my own drug use. I find myself hanging out with the smokers and going to parties on weekends. I am becoming my father and that makes me mad!! I am becoming exactly what I hate!!

I am losing myself. I am allowing my boyfriend to decide what I wear and do. I feel out of control!!

HELP! I sometimes think the world would be a better place without me! I really need to talk to someone. Do you have the time?

#### THANKS.

Sarah (14 year old in your 4th-hour health class)

PS I have a little brother.





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#### **Academic Failure**

#### Child of an Alcoholic

#### **Verbal Abuse**

# **Eating Disorder**





#### **Tobacco Use**

### **Alcohol Use**

### **Unhealthy Relationships**

## Suicide/Depression

#### **Other**



# Heavy Load Heavy Load T-Chart



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